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SUBJECT: PRODUCTION OF USSR FOOD INDUSTRY, JANUARY-MAY

1. FOLLOWING 1978 FOOD PRODUCTION DATA (CENTRALIZED
SECTOR) APPEAR IN CURRENT ISSUE OF EKONOMICHESKAYA
GAZETA (MILLION TONS):

-	MAY	MAY	JAN-MAY	JAN-MAY
COMMODITY	1978	1977 1/	1978	1977 1/

MEAT	.6	.55	3.2	2.9
SAUSAGE	.2	.22	1.2	1.1
BUTTER	.149	.162	.478	.500
MILK	2.2	2.1	10.3	10.0
VEG. OIL	.2	.21	1.3	1.15

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2. COMMENT: MEAT PRODUCTION CONTINUES TO INCREASE MARGIN
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OVER 1977 OUTPUT, BUT STILL LAGS 1975 JANUARY-MAY
SOCIALIZED SLAUGHTER BY ABOUT 3.5 PERCENT. WHAT THIS
IMPLIES FOR TOTAL 1978 MEAT PRODUCTION IS DIFFICULT TO
PINPOINT AS IT DEPENDS IN PART ON WHAT PERCENTAGE OF
THIS YEAR'S SLAUGHTER IS OCCURRING IN FOOD INDUSTRY
PLANTS. IN 1975, 66 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL (SLAUGHTER)
WAS SOCIALIZED, WHEREAS IN 1977 IT DROPPED TO 61.5

PERCENT. THUS, OVERALL FIVE-MONTH MEAT PRODUCTION COULD RANGE FROM 4.85 TO 5.20 MILLION TONS. MAJOR SLAUGHTER PERIOD IS, OF COURSE, STILL TWO MONTHS AWAY.

3. SOME ISSUE OF EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA CONTAINS ARTICLE ON MEAT PRODUCTION WHICH WE WILL BE REPORTING ASAP.
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